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Local and General.

The Advertiser wishes its many readers a happy and prosperous New Year.

Aunger & Shute, dental parlor, upstairs over Morris & Taylor's hardware store.

W. Cooper of Calgary spent the Christmas holidays visiting at D. C. Eberole's.

Fred Taylor has removed his blacksmith shop to the Palmer building next to Morris & Taylor's warehouse.

A. Belcher, manager of Lacombe branch of the Merchants Bank, spent Christmas at the home of his parents in Edmonton.

The mild weather that has prevailed here for several weeks past terminated Monday night when a spell of real winter weather set in.

On Saturday last W. S. Mooney was elected by acclamation to fill the vacancy on the town council caused by the resignation of L. B. Browne.

The latest scheme to separate the farmer from his hard earned cash is brought out by a smooth-tongued gent who is selling territory to the unwary tiller of the soil in which to peddle kopher poison. Strange as it may seem, he is finding plenty of farmers willing to "bite."

For Christmas and New Year holidays the Canadian Pacific railway announces a rate of fare and one third for the round trip. Tickets on sale for Christmas December 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25, for New Year December 28, 29, 30 and 31 and January 1, final return limit on all tickets January 5, 1909.

The Edmonton professional hockey team, which went east recently to endeavor to wrest the world's championship from the Montreal Wanderers, put up a plucky fight but failed to lift the pewter. The first game was won by Montreal 7 to 3, though the score at half time was 3 to 2 in Edmonton's favor.

The Board of Directors of Lacombe Hospital at a meeting held last week decided that the time has come to begin an active campaign for funds to supplement the fund already collected by Mrs. Harris, and proceed to erect and equip a building suitable to the needs of the town and district. A canvas will be made for subscriptions, each subscription of \$2 or over entitling the giver to membership in the corporation and to a vote at the annual meeting which will be held on the second Monday in January. It will be remembered that some time ago the Board expended \$311.50 of the hospital fund in the purchase of a suitable building site on the extension of west Barnett avenue, so that as soon as sufficient money is raised for building and equipment the project can be pushed right ahead.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING.

Council met in regular session Tuesday evening. Present: Mayor Trimble and Councillors Vickerson, Murphy, Kent, Browne and Holston. Minutes of last meeting read and with slight alteration approved.

A communication was read from Engineer Neville, confirming street grades.

A communication was read from the Sun Insurance Co. agency, Calgary, soliciting the town's guarantee bonding patronage for the coming year.

A communication was read from O'Hara Co., asking for information re any prospective sale of town debentures.

Bills to the amount of about \$53 were presented.

Council went into committee of the whole to consider accounts. Committee recommended payment of accounts to amount of \$592.65. Report adopted.

The special committee appointed to deal with the Electric Company's request for modification of contract for street lighting from all night service to moonlight schedule, recommended that no change in contract be made at present and that the matter be left for new council to deal with. Report adopted.

Holston read a second time his bylaw to prohibit and abolish tie posts, etc., or Barnett avenue. He asked permission to read a third time, but Councillor Kent objected, so the third reading stands over till next meeting of council.

Councillor Murphy inquired how amount of current taxes collected for this year compared with last year. The clerk gave a somewhat detailed report showing current taxes collected to be \$11,722.69 about \$1,000.00 less than last year.

Motion that the Mayor issue an order on the Secretary Treasurer for balance of Fire Brigade appropriation, carried.

Motion that a telephone be placed in police headquarters at once, carried.

Motion that fire water and light committee be empowered to dispose of old stove in lockup, carried.

Dairy Record Report.

Report No. 1 of the Canadian Record of Performance for pure bred dairy cattle has been issued by the Live Stock Branch, Ottawa.

This report contains a brief history of the Record of Performance work which was undertaken about three years ago for the purpose of securing official records of pure bred cows for full milking periods. The work is carried on according to the rules and regulations laid down by the Minister of Agriculture and agreed to by the several Record Associations interested.

The report gives the rules and regulations, quantities of milk and fat for registration as set by the different Record Associations, copies of the several forms used. It also contains the records of all animals that had qualified for official registration up to July 1908. This record list includes 43 cows and heifers of the Ayrshire, French-

Canadian and Holstein-Friesian breeds.

This report will be of great service to progressive dairy farmers who are desirous of securing reliable information as to where sires from regular breeding and high producing ancestors may be secured.

A large issue of the report has been printed and will be sent to those who apply for it to J. G. Rutherford, Live Stock Commissioner, Ottawa.

A Popular Holiday Number.

Among the Christmas numbers that have come to hand, the "Canadian Pictorial" (fifteen cents; published by the Pictorial Publishing Co., 142 St. Peter St., Montreal) deserves special mention. Its unique and very charming cover appeals at once to everyone, and its contents, from the bright Christmas stories and wealth of Christmas pictures to the sweet old English carols, words and music complete, are full of Christmas spirit. Yet even the Christmas number, true to the motto "News by Views" of the "Canadian Pictorial" shows some splendid pictures dealing with the stirring events of the month the world over. The "Canadian Pictorial" has won for itself an enviable place among Canadian publications, for its exquisite photographs and fine workmanship throughout stands unexcelled and is wonderful value for the money. (One dollar a year, including all special numbers.) The new feature "Unknown Old Favorites" is meeting with hearty appreciation. This gives words and music complete each month of one or more of the old favorites that most people think they know and know they love, yet that only a few can follow right through. A rollicking and spirited old English ballad will appear in the January issue. Short stories have recently been added, the numerous departments are well sustained and further improvements are contemplated for the coming year 1909. Three selected back numbers as samples will be supplied from office of publication for ten cents in stamps. Liberal clubbing offers are announced.

At Sydney, Australia, on Christmas day, Tommy Burns lost the title of champion heavy weight pugilist of the world, being defeated in a fourteen round fight by Jack Johnston, negro.

One yearling steer, roan, red neck, no visible brand. Came to my place early in the summer. Owner will please pay costs and take animal away.

Blackfalds.

The dance advertised for Christmas eve did not materialize. The farmers dance on the following evening was a splendid success.

Raymond Landsall left on Saturday evening for a brief holiday with his relatives in England.

W. E. Hornby, grain buyer for the Alberta Pacific Elevator Co., closed the warehouse, and has taken up his residence at Killam.

Several aggrieved parties are seriously considering the question of issuing writs against their slanderers. The citizens need not be surprised if a red-coat is seen paying friendly calls on some of our citizens in the near future.

A number of our citizens were interested spectators in the trial which took place last Wednesday in Lacombe.

W. A. Shillington, an esteemed and respected citizen of this village passed away suddenly on Wednesday evening. Deceased was a victim of that dread disease consumption, and had been ailing for years. By his death the community loses a good citizen and the Methodist church its most consistent member. The deceased leaves a widow and one daughter to mourn his death.

Our teaching staff are spending their holidays out of town, Miss Gieseler, Red Deer, and Miss Carr at Bowden.

The concert given by Miss Duthie on Wednesday of last week under the auspices of the Methodist church was not well attended. The entertainer certainly deserved a better audience.

School matters are beginning to agitate the electors once more. Several are mentioned for the office of trustee. It is to be hoped that the villagers will not further alienate the farmers of the district as on the latter the success of the village depends. Too many farmers of even this school district are giving the village the go-by. This should not be. The villagers would show wisdom in cultivating the friendship of the farmers, and thereby retain and regain their trade.

Estray.

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MARINE SCANDALS.

Further Inquiries Into the Department That Has No Conscience; Mystery of Commander Spain's \$500.—Large Payments to Polsons.—No Competition, and Many Extras.—Firm Flakes Large "Special" Payments to "Cash" at Election Times.—Things the Commission Does Not Want to Find Out.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—The Cassels inquiry resumed at Ottawa on Wednesday, has made some progress, but leaves much to be learned of greater importance than the matters disclosed. The Court spent most of the first day in pursuit of a payment of \$500 sent by the Polson Company of Toronto to Commander Spain who was then in Victoria, B. C. Mr. Spain admitted that the money was sent him by Polson by wire, but declared that Polson sent it to be invested by Spain in land at Fort Simpson, whither the Commander expected to go with Mr. Prefontaine. He did not go to Simpson, and swears that he returned to Polson in Toronto a few weeks later the very money he had received. But the Polson firm books set forth that the \$500 was charged as a firm account to disbursements, and that there is no record of repayment. Mr. Polson is dead and the officers of the firm could throw no light on the matter.

This is Larger Game.

While pursuing this subject, government counsel ran into several large payments by the firm to what is called "special" account. These payments were made in cheques payable to "cash." Mr. Tindall, treasurer of the Polson Company testified that he drew the cheques, and sometimes took out the money, giving either the cheque or the money to the late F. B. Polson. At this time Mr. Miller practically owned the Polson business, and Polson was the manager with a share in the profits. The strange thing is that neither the treasurer, Mr. Jeffrey the secretary, or Mr. Miller himself, who supplied the money, knew what became of these sums. Mr. Miller was asked:

"Did you ever ask Polson about it?"

"I may have asked him, but I never got an answer if I did."

"Were you content to let it go at that?"

"Yes, I trusted Polson."

Now these payments included \$4,000 on the 30th of October, 1904, and \$10,000 on the 18th.

When it is remembered that the Dominion elections took place November 23rd, 1904, and that between September, 1902, and January, 1905, the Department of Marine paid the firm \$686,456, it would appear that these matters were as well worth investigation as Commander Spain's five hundred dollars.

Carefully Avoided These.

There were further payments shortly before the local election of

1905. All these payments of cash were charged as "special," and there is nothing in the books of the firm to show to what they went for. But beyond a few incidental questions with a view to find out whether the money was used to bribe officers of the department, the government counsel made no attempt to follow this matter up. It was shown that the Polson firm was paid \$134,400 for building the Vigilant cruiser, when there was another offer in at \$86,000. Mr. Miller believed that the other offer was for a smaller boat, but, no specifications were produced. If the prices were for different boats, there was no competition. Again the Polsons were paid \$45,400 for repairs on the Aberdeen, while their tender was \$17,000. All the rest was extras. There was an engine bought from this firm at a much higher price than another tender. All these transactions went on while the firm was issuing cheques at election times payable to cash, with out the books showing the consideration or who got the money. This was less than five years ago, and today no member or officers of the firm can explain these transactions, though the main shareholder says that the business has not been profitable, and would therefore call for careful accounting. But the Cassels commission is not following up these matters.

Interesting Inquiry Stopped.

R. O. Mackay, of Hamilton, testified that he had received \$7,500 for the use of the steamer "Goldspie," delivering lighthouse supplies on the lakes. He had offered the service for \$5,800 but the offer was not accepted, so he raised the amount by \$1,700, and got the larger sum. Here, too the government counsel suddenly lost interest. Mr. Mackay started to explain that when he was seeking the larger price he enlisted the services of Mr. Zimmerman, Liberal member for Hamilton. Mr. Perrin who was examining him, told the witness he did not want to hear anything about that, and the political end of the business was cut out. But to the public it is a matter of some interest to know how far the politicians manage the department in these matters.

A Plumbing Account.

There is a plumber in Kingston who is also a hardware dealer, and supplied the marine department since 1904 with goods and services costing \$27,000. Incidentally, he fitted up a house in Ottawa for the Commissioner of Lights, who paid him \$2,400 for supplies and services. He says this bill was paid in full, but not until after this investigation began, when the account was some three years old. A government officer on a salary of \$2,300 who can afford to spend that amount on plumbing and hardware in refitting his house is not unfortunate.

A Contract Raised \$55 Per Day.

A still more interesting inquiry was that into the contract of Halliday Bros of Quebec. They had a boat called the "King Edward," which the government engaged in 1904 for conveying supplies for the light service in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. James Halliday offered her for two hundred dollars per day. The department thought this unreasonable, and proposed \$125 per day. This offer was

promptly accepted by owners of the ship, who signed a contract on May 31st for \$3,750 a month for the season. As the "King Edward" was receiving \$8,000 for the season, or fifty dollars per day from the government for carrying mails, and was also engaged in a regular traffic business, the contract price appeared to be generous. But Mr. Halliday wanted more. He went to Mr. Power, Liberal member for Quebec, and got him to intervene. Instead of standing by the signed contract, the minister had the deputy write to the Quebec agent for a recommendation. Mr. Gregory evidently knew what was expected of him and advised that the contractor be paid two hundred dollars per day, with deductions when the boat was so busy in private business that the marine service was delayed. This recommendation was accepted and payment was finally made at the rate of two hundred dollars per day, less twenty dollars deductions, or one hundred and eighty dollars net, dating back to the beginning of the service.

A Handsome Gratuity.

The additional allowance given to the contractors above their contract price was over \$6,000. Former Deputy Minister Gourdeau was called but could give no reason why the contract was changed. He observed that if the terms were found too low it was, of course, proper to make new ones, which shows that the department in his time had an utter disregard for contracts and responsibility. There were various items of extras, and altogether Halliday's bills for the "King Edward" were \$30,400. This amount was paid in 1905.

A Strange Story.

There is no doubt about this, but the witnesses contradict each other on the question of the rake-off. Mr. Van Felson, then Quebec manager of the People's Bank of Halifax, advanced money during 1904 to Halliday Bros, and took power of attorney to collect their account from the government. This account was not paid for a year, and concerning it the banker gives the following sensational story:

Before the accounts were paid, Assistant Accountant Boudreau came to the bank and told Van Felson that he was there to settle the account, but that before it was paid he, and others, "were to have something." Van Felson at first protested against the hold-up, then mentioned one-thousand dollars and two-thousand dollars, which were rejected as too small, Boudreau observing that he himself would get nothing if only two-thousand dollars was paid. Thereupon three-thousand dollars was proposed, and accepted. The bank manager informed Halliday of this demand, and the latter, after some protest, concluded to pay it, saying that since he had been kept waiting a year for his money he would probably be held up longer if he refused. On his authority Van Felson drew three cheques of one-thousand dollars each of as many banks, obtained the money, and gave it in three parcels to Boudreau for himself and two associates.

Van Felson's statement is supported by Mr. Lawrence, then accountant at the bank, who swears

that the manager called his attention to Boudreau at the morning visit, that he saw Boudreau there in the afternoon, heard Van Felson say he was going out for money, and saw him on his return with large bills, which he showed the accountant.

Boudreau himself swears that he did not get the money, and had no such conversation with Van Felson, and that the statements of the manager and accountant are entirely false. Halliday, it seems, has a curiously vague recollection of his negotiations with the government and the financial transaction generally. He does not recall the conversation with Boudreau, and contradicts the banker's story as to the Boudreau transaction.

A Fortunate Youth.

The scarcity of conscience in the marine department has afforded an opportunity for a youth named O'Dell, now aged 23, who at 18 began dealings with the government. He was in the employ of Mr. Murphy, of Quebec, who gave him a percentage on his profits arising from government patronage, and it was the business of the lad to go to the agency for orders. Further young O'Dell made out the invoices for another Mr. Murphy on the patronage list, and when the government cheques were collected he received two and a half to five per cent of the amount. Also he was in business with one Ritchie, who was on the patronage list, and sold goods to the government. O'Dell testified that his own profits in these sales ran up to fifty per cent. He is a grandson of the late agent of the marine department at Quebec, and was accustomed to examine his grandfather's accounts.

Paid More Than His Own Price.

A third striking case brought out this week of the department paying a contractor more than his own price, was that of Mr. Reid, of Kingston, whose firm hired a tug to the marine department for service on the Upper Lakes. Reid claimed \$25 per hour for 350 hours, and maintained that the government superintendent had agreed to that price. B. H. Fraser, assistant engineer of the marine department, had afterward disputed this charge, and finally proposed to compromise by paying Reid \$20 an hour. This proposition was accepted by Reid, who signed an agreement written by Fraser to that effect. By some process not explained on the stand, this agreement was set aside, and the contractor was finally paid his full \$25 an hour for the whole time his tug was supposed to have been employed. There was a readjustment of the hours, but the effect of discarding the agreement was that the government paid Reid \$1,700 above the amount which he agreed to accept.

Preston Heard From Again.

W. T. R. Preston, government commissioner in Japan, formerly hanger of the machine in Ontario desires more publicity, and has written a long letter to Toronto Mail about himself. It contains three principal statements: (a) that he was never in favor of election frauds and corruption; (b) that Lord Strathcona was a party to the North Atlantic deal, and assisted to draft the report to government in favor of it; (c) that he

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was not dismissed from the London immigration, but that Oliver asked him to remain there. Concerning these statements it may be said that the first is weakened by evidence in the election conspiracy trials of instructors in the gentle art of ballot switching. The second is flatly contradicted by Lord Strathcona himself, who has positively declared that he was first and last opposed to North Atlantic contract, though when the department overruled him he did what he could to improve the terms. The third is contradicted by Oliver's statement in parliament to the effect that Preston's usefulness as commissioner of immigration was gone when he was transferred to Sir Richard Cartwright's department and sent to Japan.

But Preston has a "pull" and will probably get another promotion.

Christmas Stamps

A Million to be Sold Before Christmas.



Every penny from the stamps, after paying for printing and distribution, will be used for the maintenance of poor patients at the MUSKOKA FREE HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTIVES, and for extending the fight against the dread White Plague.

This Christmas Stamp idea was started in Denmark about four years ago, where the cash returns have built and financed a Consumptive Hospital. A year ago, the Red Cross Society of Denmark sold over 400,000 with the co-operation of stores, churches, clubs, and boys and girls. In fact, everybody helped in this popular movement, and this year their National Red Cross Society is selling the stamps all over the States.

A STAMP FOR CANADA

The most little stamp in red and white, like above cut, and selling at one cent each, is published by the National Sanitarium Association in the interests of the Muskoka Free Hospital. The stamp does not pay postage, but may be put on letters, packages and Christmas cards of all kinds, and will bear the happy Season's Greetings everywhere.

Will workers all over the Dominion are organizing little bands for stamp selling. The hospital board is hoping that over a million stamps will be sold before Christmas, and the work for the consumptive poor from sea to sea will be greatly strengthened. Other interesting information may be obtained by writing Mr. J. S. Robertson, Secy.-Treas. of the Association, 311 King Street West, Toronto.

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DIRECTOIRE SARTIE

THE Directoire scare is over. The sheath skirt panic has subsided. The world feminine has returned to normal, regular heart-beats. Styles for the season of 1918-9 are now fixed. They are simply the extreme styles as shown in September, gracefully modified to meet the needs of the conservative American woman.

From the very start of the sheath skirt panic, I have maintained in these columns that no well-bred, sane American woman would ever consider the mode seriously, neither would she accept the extreme Directoire style. The sheath skirt has been seen only upon

the stage and then in such productions as featured the feminine form divine, rather than dramatic interest or virtue acting. It is now relegated, along with helmeted dancers, to the limbo-land of theatrical year barely begun.

The Directoire modes have left a stronger influence, but only in such general effects as saucer skirts, bigger reverses and long, narrow sleeves. The exaggerated Directoire hat, the wide swathing sash, the interminable train have all been tabooed by well-dressed women.

The sheath skirt now appears only in tulle effects, or an outer-skirt of soft, clinging fabric, split up one side to display the "sheath" undergarment, but a drop skirt, generally clouded with fine side-pleatings of sheerest material like chiffon or chiffon cloth.

A very popular combination is the drop skirt or princess slip of soft, clinging satin, with an over-draw, or velvet or very supple cloth. The satin under-slip is absolutely skin tight with no dust ruffs or pleating around the foot. Over this is draped a tulle effect that seems to fall from the shoulder to the hem in all one color, the bands or fringes used as a finish being in self-tone. With this is worn a tucker or yoke and long sleeves of net, either in soft, contrasting color like ivory or mode, or dyed to match the cloth, while for very dressy effect a modified Directoire sash in self tone may be added. But at the best houses, strong contrasts in coloring between gown and trimming are not noted with the exception, perhaps, of a dash of black with white or colors.

A marked feature of the advancing season is the appearance of beautiful Louis Directoire and Empire coats in bengaline or ottoman silk, a fabric suitable for day wear, never for evening. For all evening wear, supple satins are preferred. Bordered fabrics are much used, especially for tulle effects, and with the advancing season supple brocade in fancy designs are shown. Brown increases in popularity as the weather becomes colder, and it is an ideal winter shade, especially in the soft

cloths and satins with hints of golden lights in their surface.

The illustrations offered to-day show how charming are the modified, fall styles, brought within the scope and purview of the home-dressmaker.

First, you have the Directoire coat which would develop so admirably in Ottoman silk, which, by the way, is heavily corded. Plain satin, or a rich brocade would be used to build the high collar, open several inches across the front, the wide revers, the cuffs and pocket flaps, but it must match in color the colored silk used in the coat. Or the plain satin may be embroidered, or braided in self tone or in most harmonious shades. Very little lace is used in developing these Directoire accessories. The lace appears in the Directoire jacket, which consists of an enormous ruff, finished with a Jabot, broad at the top and tapering to a mere point just above the waist line.

Very large buttons are used on the Directoire coats, many of them jeweled or enameled. If you cannot afford a handsome button of this sort, then cover molds with heavy satin or the no dust ruffs or pleating around the foot. Over this is draped a tulle effect that seems to fall from the shoulder to the hem in all one color, the bands or fringes used as a finish being in self-tone. With this is worn a tucker or yoke and long sleeves of net, either in soft, contrasting color like ivory or mode, or dyed to match the cloth, while for very dressy effect a modified Directoire sash in self tone may be added. But at the best houses, strong contrasts in coloring between gown and trimming are not noted with the exception, perhaps, of a dash of black with white or colors.

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The high or mounted skirt, shown without a bodice attached, is worth study of the home dressmaker. It combines the best points of the new, angling skirt, and suggests the much talked-of sheath skirt. It forms a splendid foundation for the use of the Directoire sash, shown in the fourth illustration.

This skirt is of circular pattern, the right side being lapped over the left. For tailored designs, it is cut walking length and finished with attaching and buttons. For more dressy wear, it can be developed in supple cloth, with hand embroidery, banding, braiding, or even fringe outlining the slash on the side and a chiffon pleating beneath. It gives the best results, if cut with quite a good train, also with the outlining trimming growing much narrower at the waist line.

Various Directoire girdles are also shown, with or without ends. The short ends, known as the postillon bow are much used for skirts cut to walking length, but the long ends give best results on trained skirts. The true Directoire sash is fastened on the left side in front and is finished with deep fringe.

Mary Dean

Hints for the Haggard Woman

The very thin woman with lined skin, furrows and wrinkles must first, first her state of mind, and then, her digestion. Generally, she is a "worrier." When she has no present trouble to fret over, she reaches out into the wide future, and draws some trouble into her line of vision. She never sees the cheerful side of any thing. She considers the cheerful, optimistic person frivolous and trifling.

Let her learn to hope and then to smile, to do her work of to-day and leave to-morrow's work to care for itself. The over-forehanded woman is narrow-chested, stoop-shouldered and wrinkled.

You never saw a plump person who would admit having the blues. Cure the blues by learning how to hope, smile and laugh out loud, and you will find the first layer of adipose tissue appearing on your sunken chest and wasted arms.

Encourage the growth of flesh by learning how to digest your food. Almost invariably the very thin woman is an enormous eater, but she does not assimilate her food. She does not masticate it, but literally bolts it without chewing. Learn how to chew your food. When alone make a practice of systematically chewing each mouthful ten times. Extrapolate say "chew each bit of meat thirty times." Do not be an extremist one day, and a backslider every after.

Learn to eat less each time, but to eat often. Make your three daily meals lighter and sandwich in two extra meals. If you are most active during the morning, and have lunch at 1 or 1.30, then between 1.30 and 2 take a cup of hot milk with a cracker or a glass of eggnog and a bread and butter sandwich, or if fond of fruit, try a banana sliced with sugar and cream or rich milk.

If you have an early lunch and late dinner, or dinner at mid-day and a late supper, then have your milk and crackers or fruit in the middle of the afternoon. And finally just before retiring, drink warm milk. It will prove a sedative to tired nerves, as well as a flesh-builder. And all this milk should

be sipped slowly, not gulped down in haste.

As to food at table, thick soups or purées are better than clear soups or consommé as fat-producers. All starchy foods, cereals, potatoes, beans, peas, rice, macaroni, etc., are fat-builders. While pickles and tart fruits such as lemons and oranges are to be avoided.

If the appetite is capricious and light try outdoor exercises, walking within moderation, playing outdoor games like tennis or golf. I have a very good formula for a tonic and appetizer which is entirely harmless and which I will furnish upon receipt of a self-addressed and stamped envelope, but healthy thoughts and outdoor exercises are the best of appetizers.

The thin, haggard woman should learn to take a nap every afternoon, and, if possible, to get in at least eight hours sleep every night.

Physical culture exercises she can use with discretion, but not violently. Most especially should she select exercises which will round out the arms and bust and fill out the sunken chest. For the flat and shapeless bust, there comes an excellent remedy to be taken internally, formula for which will be sent in response to a stamped and addressed envelope.

For the sunken chest, the simplest exercises are the best. Stand erect with the heels together, the toes out and the hands on the hips, the thumbs pointing forward. Keep the abdomen in the chest high, the head erect, but not thrown back. Now on eight counts swing the elbows backward, holding the finger tips tight on the hips, the thumbs may spring away from the body. Next eight counts, and repeat the exercise, continuing the exercise regularly and persistently until the elbows touch. Never exercise more than five minutes, however, the first day, increasing the time as strength comes with regular work.

For the sunken chest which will fill out hollows in both chest and throat is this—Take the position described above, save that the arms are stretched out in front of the body, on a level with the shoulders and the width of the chest apart, fingers together, and push down.

On eight counts swing the right arm back as far as you can without straining, and always on a level with the shoulder. On the next eight counts swing the left arm back, then alternate the right and left on eight counts, and finally both arms on eight counts, making thirty-two counts in all. This movement is not unlike that of swimming, which, by the way, is a very excellent exercise for thin women.

For the hollows in your throat, try swinging the head from side to side on eight counts, then back and forth on eight counts and finally describe a circle with the head. When perspiration is started by this exercise, massage the throat with the following cream:

Tannin.....1/2 grain
Lanoline.....30 grains
Oil of sweet almonds.....30 grammes

This must be mixed in a double boiler over hot, not boiling water. Melt the oils together and as they are cooling, beat in the tannin. Do not use this on the face, as it is a cream which induces a growth of hair.

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The enormous rucheless tulle (worn exclusively with large black hair this winter).

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SMART DIRECTOIRE JACKET

WITH the fall cleaning over, the ambitious housewife is very apt to find in the attic or store-room a number of articles which were thrust aside on a strenuous day to be cleaned later, a pair of gloves worth saving, a rug badly stained but not beyond redemption, or a picture frame that needs touching up.

For all these material ailments and defects, patent cleansers, paints or stains are sold, and if directions are followed, results are generally sure and satisfactory. But the average woman thinks that every detail in the somewhat involved directions may not be important and so she remedies fails and she blames the maker.

For instance, with one of the best up-to-date cleaning guide comes directions to place the fabric to be cleaned on blotting paper or many folds of soft old cloth. The woman who does this will find that the pattern of the article cleaned will be reproduced in discolored lines on the blotting pattern, the solid eating the grass and dirt right out. If the blotting paper is so covered the fluid will form a ring in the fabric almost as unightly as the original dirt.

Again, if you are using a patent varnish or stain, and instructions bid you first sandpaper the woodwork, sandpaper vigorously. The patented article cannot perform miracles.

Perhaps you have some wax to wash and clean. For hot walls, use gasoline. Put the wall in a glass jar with wide mouth, cover with gasoline, shake vigorously, rinse with clear gasoline, shake in the open air and pin at night to dry on a clean cloth or sheet. Wash chiffon veils in tepid suds made with pure white soap, rinse in water of the same temperature, and stretch on sheet or cloth to dry.

Never put away a delicately tinted gown, wrap or accessory without removing all spots and stains. For ordinary dust or grime use French chalk or mezzotint, allow it to remain on the fabric until ready to wear the article again; then brush off with clean, soft brush.

If you have used gasoline to clean any fabric and find that it leaves a ring, hold the cloth over a steaming kettle and the ring may disappear.

When lace doilies become soiled, do not put them in the wash, but lay in a box, thick with French chalk. If this is done before the dust turns to grime, washing can be delayed indefinitely. The secret of cleaning is not to let things get really dirty, but to take the proverbial stitch in time.

Blood or meat stains on linen may be removed by first soaking the article in cold water; then make a suds with cold water and rinse in cold water. Hot water at any stage of the process will set the stain.

Stains on mattresses can be removed by covering them with a paste made from 1/2 cup of water and 1/2 cup of ammonia. To each teaspoon of the creamy paste made from the earth and tepid water, add one teaspoon of soda ammonia.

For ice cream stains, especially on silk, try Chloroxolone. Several applications may be necessary and be sure to use blotting paper beneath the stain.

To remove stains on silk, use turpentine or alcohol, spreading the fabric over many thicknesses of clean cloth. For old paint stains, try chloroform.

Timely Hints for Busy Shoppers

THE most striking trimmings for mensaline and other stain gowns are bands and galleons of gold net embroidered in colors—all the fashionable shades to match dress fabrics. These are finished with cords and tassels or fringe in gold.

Bobbinet is a good investment. It makes very good deep ruffling for neck and sleeves, but should be double and pleated with the aid of a knife pleater. All sort notes are suitable for these new ruchings which can be made in a home.

For a tailored hat of large size a popular trimming is the Pochanette feather, fastened on a pedestal like an Indian head-dress, stiff feathers turned around the crown, brown feathers over the brim, and long quills or wings falling backward on the left side.

It requires a yard and a half of net veiling to fasten around the new large hats. They are fitted very smoothly around the rim of the hat, then around the chin of the wearer, and held against the hair at the nape of the neck with a wide barrette.

At all the ribbon and belt counter you will find the new Directoire belt. They are strips of soft silk, laid in tucks, running lengthwise, and finished with knots of the silk, and matching balls or tassels.

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MORE THAN 250,000 PEOPLE KILLED

The Earthquake Devasted Sicily and Southern Italy
—Without Warning, in Black Darkness, in
Torments of Rain, the Crash Came—
Entire Cities Destroyed in
Fraction of a Minute.

Rome, Dec. 28.—The three provinces of Cosenza, Catanzaro and Reggio Calabria, comprising the dependency of Calabria, which forms the southwestern extremity of Italy, or "The Toe of the Boot" were devastated today by an earthquake, the effects of which were felt throughout the entire country.

Rome, Dec. 29.—One hundred thousand dead. Messina, in Sicily, Reggio and a score of other towns in Southern Italy overwhelmed. The entire Calabrian region laid waste. This is the earthquake's record so far as at present known from the reports that are coming slowly into Rome on account of the almost complete destruction of lines of communication to the stricken places. The death-toll in Messina ranges from 12,000 to 50,000. That of Reggio, with its adjacent villages, numbered 45,000 people, includes almost the entire population. At Cassano, 1,000. At Balmi, 1,000 are reported dead. At Cosenza, 500, and half of the population of Bagbara, about 4,000. The Monte Leone region has been devastated and Riposto, Seminara, San Giovanni, Scilla and Canitello and all other communities and villages bordering on the straits are in ruins.

British, French and Russian warships are steaming towards the south, and already several of the ships of Great Britain and Russia have reached Sicily. Officers and men of these ships have performed heroic services in the work of rescue. It is feared that many foreigners have been killed, as a number of the hotels at Messina and doubtless at other places, were crowded with tourists. Little is known of the fate of the diplomatic representatives of the foreign powers stationed at these points although the Italian government is using every effort to relieve the anxiety felt on their account.

There is the gravest danger that a pestilence will follow the destruction of the towns where, on account of the vast havoc wrought bodies will lie unburied for days and weeks. Those who escaped death, many of whom are badly injured, are making their way by the thousands to the nearest place of refuge. Their sufferings even now must be intense, as they are without food or clothing.

Accustomed for centuries to earthquakes, Italy stands ever in dread, but none was prepared for the disaster which in the fraction of a minute yesterday, devastated

cities and towns. Messina, whose tragic history has been marked by tidal waves and war, and which was the centre of yesterday's torrential maelstrom, was shaken to ruins. Flames burst forth to complete the city's destruction and to burn alive untold numbers, helplessly pinioned beneath fallen walls and broken timbers. The straits of Messina were shaken and twisted by the earth's trembling, for mariners report the channel altered beyond recognition. The ports and villages on both the continental and Sicilian sides were wrecked and inundated and all the lighthouses along the coast were swallowed up. Navigation is now dangerous, and in some places impossible.

Starving, bleeding from injuries and almost insane from their terrifying experiences, Messina's survivors are fleeing in all directions abandoning hundreds of their fellow citizens to their fate, imprisoned in the wreckage of tumbling buildings. One of those who escaped said: "The earth seemed suddenly to drop and then turn violently on its axis. The whole population, who practically were precipitated from the houses rent in twain, were spun around like tops as they ran through the streets. Many fell, crushed to death, and others, bewildered took refuge for breath beside the tottering walls, where they soon met the fate of their companions."

Death.

RITCHIE.—At Lacombe, on Christmas night, Friday, December 25, Robert Calvin, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ritchie, aged 2 months, 13 days.

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Local and General.

Edmonton's professional hockey team won the second game with the Montreal Wanderers on a score of 7 to 6. Edmonton will probably make another effort later in the season to win the championship cup, which is still held by the Wanderers.

The first league hockey game of the season, played on Christmas evening between Lacombe and Stettler resulted in a victory for the Lacombe team on a 16 to 3 score. On New Year's day Lacombe plays at Olds. This game will be played in the afternoon so that Lacombe people can see the game and return home in the evening of the same day. A close game is looked for.

Pure Bred Stock Sale at Lacombe

At a meeting of the Board of Trade held on Monday evening it was decided to join with the Lacombe Agricultural Society in inaugurating an annual pure bred stock sale.

As is well recognized all over the Dominion, Lacombe is the center of the pure bred stock industry in the west. This has been amply evidenced by the fact that from year to year the bulk of entries at the Calgary show and sale have been from Lacombe district.

The Agricultural Society has decided to donate the use of the grounds and buildings for the purposes of the sale, and the Board of Trade has offered to bear the expense of advertising the same. The breeders of the district have been apprised of the plan and already enough have signified their intention of entering stock to practically assure the success of the enterprise.

The present intention is to hold the first sale in June next.

The Railway West.

As previously announced, the working committee held a meeting at Bentley on the 26th to further the interests of the railway west project. It was decided to circulate petitions through all the townships that will be most benefited by such a road.

A communication was read from A. Price, manager western division of the C. P. R. Also a communication from W. F. Puffer.

The proposed mass meeting at Rimbey in the interests of the railway was discussed but no date set for same as it is desired to have the meeting on a date that will be convenient for Premier Rutherford to attend.

A committee was appointed to procure and arrange desirable statistics showing the need of a railway and the support a railway will be sure to get when built.

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SERIOUS DEPLETION IN FUNDS

HARD TIMES HARD ON THE POOR CONSUMPTIVE

Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives Makes an Urgent Appeal for Money.

\$25,000 Required to Cover Bank Overdraft and Provide for Maintenance of Poor Patients.

These head-lines tell the story of our needs.

They are heavy and urgent.

Many times during the past twelve months the question has pressed itself upon the Trustees, "Can we continue the work further?"

Every month brought its quota of accounts for salaries and wages of staff, bills of butcher, milkman, eggs, groceries, heavy coal bills—a serious item—and other uncontrollable expenses so long as the doors were kept open.



These had to be paid somehow.

Contributions—especially after the turn of the year when the financial depression was felt at its keenest—fell off to such an extent, that each month the burden became heavier.

During all this period there was only one thing to do, and that was to lean on our banker—swelling the bank overdraft.

The trial was the severest in the history of these Muskoka Homes, in which nearly 3,000 persons, stricken by the dread white plague, have been cared for.



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But never for a single hour did the doors of the Free Hospital fail to swing open, and give a welcome to suffering ones without money and without price.

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Friends, we come to you at this time, when the clouds of depression are being lifted, asking that you now—in the direness of our extremity—help to lift the burden being carried—not for any personal gain, but solely, alone, only on behalf of suffering sisters and brothers.

Our plea is on behalf of the sick ones.

What will you give?
Do not say nay.
Help generously.
Help all you can.
Help some.

Help now.
Contributions may be sent to W. J. GAGE, Esq., Chairman Executive Committee, 84 Spadina Avenue, Toronto; or J. S. ROBERTSON, Sec.-Treasurer National Sanitarium Association, 347 King Street West, Toronto, Canada.

Birth
MITCHELL.—At Lakeside, on Wednesday, December 30, to Mr. and Mrs. James Mitchell, a son.

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